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ROME FOR FODAG

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SUBJ: FAO FOOD NEEDS ASSESSMENT TEAM REPORT

SUBJECT REPORT MAKES FOLLOWING CONCLUSION/  
RECOMMENDATIONS IN CABLE SENT FAO/ROME

1. GOM REQUESTED TEAM CONSIDER FOOD AID BASED ON ESTIMATED POSSIBLE  
CEREAL DEFICIT PERIOD OCT 73-  
OCT 74 OF 328,000 MT. TEAM NOTES FUTURE LEVELS COMMERICAL  
IMPORTS DIFFICULT ESTIMATE DUE GOM FINANCIAL  
DIFFICULTIES. TEAM ALSO NOTES GOM HAS RECEIVED TO DATE 115,000  
MT FOOD AID OUT OF 117,000 MT PROMISED IN 1973 OF WHICH NOT  
ALL HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED.

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2. RECOMMENDS OTHER FOOD AID AS FOLLOWS

A. 8760 MT NFDN FOR 1 MILLION NOMADS AND HERDERS PLUS 200,000 VILLAGERS.

B) 6840 MT VEGETABLE OIL

C. 7200 MT CSM

3. TEAM ALSO NOTES GOM REQUESTED FINANCIAL AID DOLLARS 50-60,000 PURCHASE LOCALLY AVAILABLE FISHMEAL AND WOULD WELCOME VITAMINS/ BABY FOOD.

4. GOM ALSO REQUESTED ASSISTANCE TO ORGANIZE SEED PURCHASE PROGRAM 5000 MT SORGHUM/MILLET AND 7000 MT RICE.

5. AVAILABILITY SATISFACTORY STORAGE ESTIMATED AT 96,000 MT. HOWEVER NOTES OPAM (GOM AGENCY) WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL 40,000 MT CAPACITY.

6. TEAM ESTIMATES POSSIBLE SHIP 29,000 MT PER MONTH INTO MALI OVER 10 MONTH PERIOD THROUGH DAKAR, ABIDJAN AND COTONOU FOR TOTAL CAPACITY 290,000 MT

7. TEAM ASSESSES INTERIOR TRANSPORT SATISFACTORY EXCEPT SIXTH REGION WHERE SHIPPING CAPACITY ESTIMATED AT 45,000 MT AGAINST ESTIMATED DEFICIT 105,000 MT. SHIPPING CAPACITY TO SIXTH REGION DIVIDED 20,000 MT VIA NIGER RIVER AND 25,000 MT VIA ROAD COTONOU-GAO ALTHOUGH LATTER INDICATED UNCERTAIN.

8. TEAM RECOMMENDS GOM IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, CONSUMPTION LEVELS AND BUDGETS IN ORDER BETTER EVALUATE SITUATION, FORM POLICIES AND ORGANIZE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE/REHABILITATION SAHEL ZONE.

9. FYI: WE STRONGLY QUESTION MAGNITUDE ESTIMATE DEFICIT. NOTE ONLY 115,000 MT FOOD ACTUALLY RECEIVED 1973 YET ALL INDICATIONS MOST POPULATION MALI RECEIVING SUFFICIENT FOOD AT PRESENT. ONLY EXCEPTION NOMAD POPULATION FIRST/SIXTH REGIONS, PARTICULARLY UNCLASSIFIED

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35,000 NOMADS REFUGEE CAMPS COMPLETELY DEPENDENT GOM AID. HOWEVER BELIEVE REMAINDER NOMAD POPULATION OUTSIDE ABOVE CAMPS UNLIKELY BE REACHED BY GOM FOOD DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN ANY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS.

10. DEFICIT 328,000 MT MEANS THAT IN VIEW PARA 9 THAT 1973-74 CROP WOULD HAVE TO BE AT LEAST 200,000 MT BELOW REPEAT BELOW 1972-73

CROP. THIS EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT ACCEPT IN VIEW CROP POTENTIAL  
OBSERVED EARLIER THIS SEASON AND FURTHER SUPPORTED MORE  
RECENT OBSERVATIONS PARTICULARLY BY TASK FORCE.  
ADO GRAIN OFFICER AND EMB OFF LEAVING 10/15 FIELD TRIP  
PORTIONS SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH REGIONS ASSESSMENT  
EXPECTED BE AVAILABLE 10/19.

11. RE FOOD SITUATION SIXTH REGION ALTHOUGH  
SUBJECT REPORT ESTIMATES 105,000 MT DEFICIT  
FEI TASK FORCE TOLD BY GOM THAT TOTAL GRAIN NEEDS  
SIXTH REGION WERE 100,000 MT AND ESTIMATED DEFICIT  
50,000 MT. FURTHERMORE DURING LAST YEAR GOM HAS ESTIMATED TOTAL  
REPEAT TOTAL REQUIREMENTS SIXTH REGION UNDER EMERGENCY  
CONDITIONS BETWEEN 50 AND 70,000 MT. END FYI.  
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